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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON MARCH 28, 2017

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
Executive Secretary Kavita Kale called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

Staff: Kavita Kale
Karen Kostbade
Judy Palnau
Al Freeman
Derrell Slaughter
Gary Kitts
Jill Rusnak
Paul Proudfoot
Dave Isakson
Gloria Pearl Jones

Public: Candace Gonzales, Consumers Energy
Steve McLean, SEMCO
Donald Hazzard
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA
Yvette Collins, AT&T
Jacob Kanclerz, MIRS
Karen Wienke, Consumers Energy
Jessica Woycehoski, Consumers Energy
Adella Crozier, DTE Energy
Zakiya Oliver, Consumers Energy
Toni Noakes, Consumers Energy
Michelle Rison, RCG
Sean Gallagher, Clark Hill PLC/ABATE

I. Commissioner Saari moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks

Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Saari moved to approve the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting of March 10, 2017, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

III. ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-13124 AT&T MICHIGAN AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, L.L.C. (f/k/a MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC, d/b/a PAETEC BUSINESS SERVICES and/or CAVALIER TELEPHONE)
- U-14238 AT&T MICHIGAN AND ACE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, INC.
- U-15219 AT&T MICHIGAN AND CLIMAX TELEPHONE COMPANY
- U-16121 AT&T MICHIGAN AND TALK AMERICA, LLC, and LDMI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC (f/k/a TALK AMERICA, INC., d/b/a CAVALIER TELEPHONE, AND LDMI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a CAVALIER TELEPHONE and/or PAETEC BUSINESS SERVICES)
- U-16179 AT&T MICHIGAN AND CINCINNATI BELL ANY DISTANCE INC.
- U-18049 AT&T MICHIGAN AND FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
- U-18323 AT&T MICHIGAN AND LOCAL ACCESS LLC (interconnection agreements and amendments)

Case No. U-13124 et al. requests Commission approval of interconnection agreements and amendments. The order before you approves the requests. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-18329 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION (telecom show cause)

Case No. U-18329 is an investigation commenced on the Commission's own motion into whether RCI Broadband may be in violation of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. The order before you directs RCI Broadband to respond by April 25, 2017, and to appear at a prehearing conference scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 26, 2017. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18341 COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION
(telecom show cause)

Case No. U-18341 is an investigation commenced on the Commission's own motion into whether Martell Cable Company may be in violation of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. The order before you directs Martell Cable Company to respond by April 25, 2017, and to appear at a prehearing conference scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on May 26, 2017. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. MINUTE ACTION AT&T MICHIGAN
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

Adopt and issue minute dated March 28, 2017, finding that the attached AT&T Michigan invoice No. 517 R41-0001 067 9 for the periods of December 1, 2016, to March 28, 2017, is for wireless emergency service costs recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b). The Commission approves the attached invoice in the amount of \$112,859.76 for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

5. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK, LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

Adopt and issue minute dated March 28, 2017, finding that the attached Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC invoice No. 50002784 for the periods of December 1, 2016, to March 28, 2017, is for wireless emergency service costs recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b). The Commission approves the attached invoice in the amount of \$152,003.67 for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

6. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES, LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000)

Adopt and issue minute dated March 28, 2017, finding that the attached Peninsula Fiber Network Next Generation Services, LLC invoice No. 50002847 for the period of December 1, 2016, to March 28, 2017, is for wireless emergency service costs recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b). The Commission approves the attached invoice in the amount of \$177,349.23 for reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-15825 AEP ENERGY, INC.
U-15830 DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC
U-15834 LIBERTY POWER DELAWARE LLC
U-15835 LIBERTY POWER HOLDINGS LLC
U-15840 ENERGY INTERNATIONAL POWER MARKETING CORPORATION, d/b/a POWERONE
U-16589 ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

U-16590	BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
U-16591	CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-16593	GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE
U-16594	MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE
U-16595	ONTONAGON COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION
U-16596	PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP
U-16598	TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-16599	VILLAGE OF BARAGA
U-16600	CITY OF BAY CITY
U-16601	CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
U-16602	CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRIC & WATER
U-16603	VILLAGE OF CLINTON
U-16604	COLDWATER BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
U-16605	CROSWELL MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT
U-16606	CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS
U-16607	DAGGETT ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-16609	CITY OF DOWAGIAC
U-16610	CITY OF EATON RAPIDS
U-16611	CITY OF ESCANABA
U-16612	CITY OF GLADSTONE
U-16613	GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER
U-16614	CITY OF HARBOR SPRINGS
U-16615	CITY OF HART HYDRO
U-16616	HILLSDALE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
U-16617	HOLLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
U-16618	VILLAGE OF L'ANSE
U-16619	LANSING BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT
U-16620	LOWELL LIGHT & POWER
U-16621	MARQUETTE BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER
U-16622	MARSHALL ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-16623	NEGAUNEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
U-16624	NEWBERRY WATER and LIGHT BOARD
U-16625	NILES UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
U-16626	CITY OF NORWAY
U-16627	VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
U-16628	CITY OF PETOSKEY
U-16629	CITY OF PORTLAND
U-16630	CITY OF SEBEWAING
U-16631	CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
U-16632	CITY OF ST. LOUIS
U-16633	CITY OF STEPHENSON
U-16634	CITY OF STURGIS
U-16635	TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT & POWER
U-16636	UNION CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-16637	CITY OF WAKEFIELD

U-16638	WYANDOTTE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE
U-16639	ZEELAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
U-16640	CMS ERM MICHIGAN LLC
U-16641	COMMERCE ENERGY, INC.
U-16642	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.
U-16643	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC
U-16644	FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.
U-16646	CONSTELLATION ENERGY SERVICES, INC. (formally Integrys)
U-16648	PREMIER ENERGY MARKETING L.L.C.
U-16650	CALPINE ENERGY SOLUTION, LLC f/k/a NOBILE AMERICAS ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC
U-16651	SPARTAN RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC.
U-16652	U.P. POWER MARKETING LLC
U-16653	WOLVERINE POWER MARKETING COOPERATIVE
U-17010	ENERGY SERVICES PROVIDERS, INC., d/b/a MICHIGAN GAS & ELECTRIC
U-17168	TEXAS RETAIL ENERGY, LLC
U-17338	INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. d/b/a IGS ENERGY
U-17549	PLYMOUTH ROCK ENERGY
U-17769	DILLON POWER, LLC
U-17799	CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-17801	THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-17885	ELIGO ENERGY MI, LLC
U-17934	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY SERVICES
U-18037	EDF ENERGY SERVICES, LLC
U-18066	NORDIC ENERGY SERVICES, LLC
U-18230	ALPENA POWER COMPANY
U-18231	CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
U-18232	DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY
U-18233	INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY
U-18234	NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY-WISCONSIN
U-18235	UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
U-18236	UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION
U-18237	WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
U-18240	ALPENA POWER COMPANY
U-18241	CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
U-18242	DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY
U-18243	INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY
U-18244	NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY-WISCONSIN
U-18245	UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
U-18246	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICES CORPORATION
U-18247	WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY (renewable energy plans, reconciliations, and annual reports)

Case No. U-15825 et al. provides docket numbers and filing dates for renewable energy plans, reconciliations, and annual reports.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-15895 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
U-18238 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(order amending schedule)

Case Nos. U-15895 and U-18238 involve the establishment of standard rate application filing forms and instructions. The order before you amends the schedule and proceedings to make revisions to the Commission’s existing rate case filing requirements. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-15896 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(opportunity to comment)

Case No. U-15896 is a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to implement the provisions of Section 6s of 2016 PA 341 regarding the standard application filing forms and instructions for use in all requests for a certificate of necessity. The order before you provides for public comments. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-17696-R DETROIT THERMAL, LLC
(’16 SSCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17696-R is an application filed by Detroit Thermal, LLC, for approval of a steam supply cost recovery reconciliation proceeding for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2016. The order before you approves a

settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-17990 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(rehearing)

Case No. U-17990 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief. The order before you dismisses the March 3, 2017 petition for rehearing filed by Consumers Energy Company at the request of the utility. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

6. U-18116 THERESA SUNDQUIST v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Case No. U-18116 involves a complaint filed by Theresa Sundquist against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

7. U-18177 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY and DTE GAS COMPANY
(tariff revisions)

Case No. U-18177 involves a joint application by DTE Electric Company and DTE Gas Company seeking ex parte approval of new estimated bill procedures. The order before you approves the application and proposed bill procedures and associated tariff revisions. Commissioner Saari

moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

8. U-18196 PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP
(PUA dispute)

Case No. U-18196 involves an objection by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op to its 2016/2017 public utility assessment and a request for Commission review of the assessment. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

9. U-18218 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(RCG’S motion to reopen)

Case No. U-18218 is a docket opened on the Commission’s own motion to commence consideration of the various regulatory reviews associated with Consumers Energy Company’s decision to terminate early its power purchase agreement with Entergy Nuclear Palisades, LLC, for the purchase of power from the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant. The order before you denies the motion for rehearing and reopening filed by the Residential Customer Group. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

10. U-18260 ALPENA POWER COMPANY
U-18261 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
U-18262 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY
U-18263 INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY
U-18264 NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY-WISCONSIN

U-18265	UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
U-18266	WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION
U-18267	WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
U-18268	DTE GAS COMPANY
U-18269	MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION
U-18270	SEMCO ENERGY, INC.
U-18274	CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-18276	MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE
U-18279	THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-18271	ALGER-DELTA CO-OPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION
U-18272	BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-18273	CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-18275	GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE
U-18277	ONTONAGON COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION
U-18278	PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC AND GAS CO-OP
U-18280	TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
U-18281	VILLAGE OF BARAGA
U-18282	CITY OF BAY CITY
U-18283	CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
U-18284	CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRIC AND WATER
U-18285	VILLAGE OF CLINTON
U-18286	COLDWATER BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
U-18287	CROSWELL MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT
U-18288	CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS
U-18289	DAGGETT ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-18291	CITY OF DOWAGIAC
U-18292	CITY OF EATON RAPIDS
U-18293	CITY OF ESCANABA
U-18294	CITY OF GLADSTONE
U-18295	GRAND HAVEN BOARD OF LIGHT AND POWER
U-18296	CITY OF HARBOR SPRINGS
U-18297	CITY OF HART HYDRO
U-18298	HILLSDALE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
U-18299	HOLLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
U-18300	VILLAGE OF L'ANSE
U-18301	LANSING BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT
U-18302	LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER
U-18303	MARQUETTE BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER
U-18304	MARSHALL ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-18305	NEGAUNEE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
U-18306	NEWBERRY WATER AND LIGHT BOARD
U-18307	NILES UTILITY DEPARTMENT
U-18308	CITY OF NORWAY
U-18309	CITY OF PAW PAW
U-18310	CITY OF PETOSKEY

U-18311	CITY OF PORTLAND
U-18312	CITY OF SEBEWAING
U-18313	CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
U-18314	CITY OF ST. LOUIS
U-18315	CITY OF STEPHENSON
U-18316	CITY OF STURGIS
U-18317	TRAVERSE CITY LIGHT AND POWER
U-18318	UNION CITY ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
U-18319	CITY OF WAKEFIELD
U-18320	WYANDOTTE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE
U-18321	ZEELAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS (energy waste reduction biennial plans)

The order in Case No. U-18260 et al. adopts docket numbers for the filing of energy waste reduction plans for 2017 and provides an overview of the energy waste reduction provisions of 2016 PA 342. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

11. U-18326 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(Section 10ee of Act 341)

Case No. U-18326 is a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to implement the provisions of Section 10ee of 2016 PA 341. The order before you opens a docket for filings, and provides guidance to utilities choosing to commence activities pursuant to Section 10ee. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

12. U-18346 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(windstorm investigation)

Case No. U-18346 involves a review of the responses of Consumers Energy Company and DTE Electric Company to the windstorm of March 7-8, 2017. The order before you directs each utility to file a report addressing its response to the event no later than May 15, 2017.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Chairman Talberg Commented:

“The Commission closely monitored the recent storms and the resulting widespread damages and subsequent outage restoration programs by the affected utilities. We received a verbal update from DTE and Consumers Energy officials on their response programs to restore electricity to nearly one million customers who experienced outages following the March 8 wind storm. This was an unprecedented storm with significant damage. It may be the largest weather-related disruption of electric service in our state.

With power now restored to customers, the Commission seeks to better understand lessons learned from this event. We are directing the utilities to file reports with the Commission assessing their preparation and response.

The Commission has a fundamental commitment and long-standing responsibility to work with the utilities to improve system reliability, including the use of new technology and the commitment for effective long-term maintenance. Going forward, we will look at how the utilities used best work practices and whether lessons learned will result in operational changes.”

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

13. U-18349 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
U-18350 ALPENA POWER COMPANY
U-18351 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
U-18352 DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY
U-18353 INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY
U-18354 NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY-WISCONSIN
U-18355 UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
U-18356 UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION
U-18357 WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
(opportunity for comments)

Case No. U-18349 et al., is a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, requesting comments on the implementation of Section 61 of 2016 PA 342, MCL 460.1061. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

14. MINUTE ACTION CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(Case No. U-18250)

Adopt and issue minute dated March 28, 2017, directing the Commission's Executive Secretary to arrange an informational public meeting in or around Covert, Michigan, in the vicinity of the Palisades Nuclear Plant during the month of May 2017. After arrangements are completed, the Executive Secretary shall post a notice in the docket for Case No. U-18250 of this public meeting that specifies the location, date, starting time, duration, and other necessary information regarding the conduct of the public meeting. It is the intent of the Commission to use the meeting to inform the public about the Commission's role, the timeline, and the administrative process to be followed in Case No. U-18250. There will also be an opportunity for the public to offer comments on their concerns about Case No. U-18250. The Commission, an administrative law judge from the Michigan Administrative Hearings System, and a court reporter will attend the public meeting. Subsequently, a transcript of the public meeting will be filed in the docket for Case No. U-18250. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the minute at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Commissioner Saari Commented:

"The hearing record is open on case U-18250 regarding the request from Consumers Energy to terminate early the Palisades Plant purchase power agreement with Entergy Nuclear Palisades, provide for replacement capacity and energy and securitize certain expenses associated with the contract.

In addition to the established hearing schedule outlined by ALJ Feldman, the Commission is calling for a public meeting in Van Buren County to give area residents the opportunity to comment on issues associated with the case. This public hearing will allow individuals and organizations to express their views regarding the announced plant closure and other issues before the Commission.

The Commissioners, staff and Judge Feldman look forward to hearing from local residents who have questions and comments regarding the Palisades issues in front of us."

Chairman Talberg Commented:

"Thank you, Commissioner Saari. I look forward to this public meeting and hearing from residents near the Palisades plant. This meeting will be an essential part of our process to evaluate the issues associated with the proposed early termination of the purchased power agreement and securitization finance proceeding.

Thank you to Executive Secretary Kavita Kale and her team for organizing this event and to Judge Feldman for her participation."

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The minute was adopted

C. GAS

1. U-17690-R MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION
('16 GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17690-R involves an application filed by Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation for reconciliation of its 2016-2017 gas cost recovery costs and revenues and for reconciliation of its reservation charge. The order before you approves a settlement agreement that resolves all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

2. U-17692-R SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY
('16 GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17692-R involves an application by SEMCO Energy Gas Company for reconciliation of its 2015-2016 gas cost recovery revenues and expenses. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

3. U-17693-R CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
('16 GCR reconciliation)

Case No. U-17693-R involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for reconciliation of its 2015-2016 gas cost recovery costs and revenues. The order before you approves a settlement agreement that resolves all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

4. U-18127 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(depreciation rates)

Case No. U-18127 involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for accounting and ratemaking approval of revised depreciation rates for gas utility plant. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

5. U-18140 NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
(rate case)

Case No. U-18140 involves an application by Northern States Power Company for approval to increase its natural gas rates and for other relief. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

6. U-18166 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(Act 9 Pipeline)

Case No. U-18166 involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a 24-inch diameter 94-mile pipeline in the counties of Saginaw, Genesee, and Oakland. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case and makes the required agency findings regarding the project's environmental impact. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

7. U-18175 LAKESHA ALLEN v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Case No. U-18175 involves a complaint filed by LaKesha Allen against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you finds no violation by Consumers Energy Company and dismisses the complaint with prejudice. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

8. U-18214 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY
(closing docket)

Case No. U-18214 involves a request to withdraw an application filed by SEMCO Energy Gas Company. The order before you approves the request and closes the docket. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

9. U-18215 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY
(contract amendments)

Case No. U-18215 involves an application by SEMCO Energy Gas Company for ex parte approval of amendments to its natural gas transportation contracts with Graphic Packing International, Inc., and PostFoods, LLC. The order before you approves the amended contracts. Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 28, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Eubanks seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The order was adopted

Chairman Talberg Commented:

“I want to emphasize that we are approving several orders today seeking comment on key provisions of the new energy laws to prepare for a smooth transition. Public Acts 341 and 342 go into effect April 20, and our team has been diligently planning our implementation efforts and stakeholder engagement program. Stakeholder feedback is critical to the process.

We recently announced a new website -- Michigan.gov/energylegislation -- where stakeholders and the public can follow implementation activities and sign up for updates, meetings, and requests for stakeholder feedback.

The implementation of the new energy laws is far reaching and includes studies and reports as well as formal contested case proceedings and rulemakings. In many instances, this will fundamentally change the way we regulate utilities in this state. We encourage participation from the public so we can make well-informed decisions on important issues facing our state. We also welcome feedback on the website, meetings, and other processes.

Thanks to staff who have done great work on this effort.”

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

An audio recording of the proceedings of the March 28, 2017 meeting is archived in podcast format at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/DM620119_555640_7.MP3 .

Chairman Talberg announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on April 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Saari moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Eubanks seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari, Eubanks
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Kavita Kale
Executive Secretary